

MINUTES

UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE - BOARD OF NURSING

September 28, 2007

**Room 474 – 4th Floor –7:30 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 7:37 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:49 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Laura Poe
Diana Baker

Secretary:

Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Pam Rice
Mary Williams
Helen Zsohar

Guests:

Jacki Mitchell, RN
Rebecca Reese, Stevens-Henager College
Maria Merida, Dean, Stevens-Henager College
Chad Reeves, Faculty member, Stevens Henager
Vicky Dewsnup, President, Ogden Campus
Barbara Thomas, COO, Stevens Henager College
Candyce Stuart, BSN Weber nursing student
Nathaniel Gay, BSN Weber nursing student
Karyn Pierce, BSN Weber nursing student
Kann Thomas, BSN Weber nursing student

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

August 24, 2007 Minutes:

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Pass Rates for Provisionally approved programs:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee members in favor.

Committee members reviewed the NCLEX pass rates for Ameritech and Utah Career College. Denza Bruse, Utah Career College nursing program director will be meeting with the Committee in October and Committee members will discuss with her the steps

Site Visit for Mountainland ATC:

Stevens Henager College,
Rebecca Reese, Nursing program
Maria Merida, Dean
Chad Reeves, faculty member
Vicky Dewsnup, President, Ogden campus
Barbara Thomas, COO

the program is taking to improve the pass rates. If the pass rate for Ameritech does not improve by November, Ms. Opfar will be invited to discuss the steps they are taking to improve their pass rate.

Dr. Williams, Ms. Forster-Burke and Ms. Brown will conduct the site visit on October 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Representatives from Stevens Henager met with the Committee to respond to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Forster-Burke indicated the Committee had concerns with an inadequate lab, questions regarding qualified faculty, and the curriculum was unfinished. Committee members had requested weekly curricular reports and updates regarding the progress of the program. There were pictures of the lab submitted, however, the program failed to provide the weekly curricular updates. On behalf of the Division and the Board of Nursing, Ms. Baker sent a letter requesting the program provide documentation of progress to the Division by September 30, 2007 or the program would not be allowed to continue.

Ms. Thomas submitted a letter in response to Ms. Baker's letter. She indicated that numbers three through six were answered in the letter sent last week. This included the status of Laurie Weeks, Sara Petersen, Jon Hittman and clarification regarding the curriculum consultants. She stated questions number one and two will be addressed today, those questions in regard to curricular update and appropriate faculty members. Ms. Thomas also provided a letter regarding the PN to RN program and how well those students are doing in clinicals at Ogden Regional Medical Center. Ms. Thomas stated there are 10 students in the PN to RN program and there are 74 students waiting to start (10 students have not be able to start, 64 are in prerequisites). Ms. Thomas reported the program recently passed the ACCST accreditation visit. Dr. Williams questioned the status of NLNAC accreditation. Ms. Thomas stated they have a mentor but haven't met with the mentor. She indicated they are planning to begin the process fall 2008. Ms. Thomas stated Maryann Craven has been acting as

consultant for the curriculum and Ms. Reese's position remains the same. Ms. Forster-Burke stated the Committee has been receiving different information, and is frustrated and concerned. The Board has the responsibility to make sure the students receive proper education from approved programs. Committee members indicated it would be helpful to have Dr. Hansen and Dr. Hannan send a letter clarifying their position with the Ogden campus.

Committee members questioned Mr. Reeves regarding his responsibilities with the program. He indicated he is the associate dean of pharmacy and is currently enrolled in a Masters in nursing with administrative emphasis in the Stevens Henager program. He indicated his responsibilities in the nursing program will include teaching skills in the lab. Ms. Peterson is the lab manager and is on site if the student wanted extra practice. Committee members questioned if Laurie Weeks is still at the program. Ms. Thomas indicated Ms. Weeks was scheduled to teach the PN to RN program, but is currently on medical leave and has resigned until she is able to return. Committee members questioned who is teaching? As of now, they only have Ms. Reese, Ms. Eliason and as of November, Katherine Carter. Jeff Manning will be full time doing clinicals. The next course for the second year will be mental health and Ms. Reese will teach. Ms. Thomas reported they would like to start fundamentals for the first year cohort on October 15, 2007 with Ms. Eliason teaching the course and Mr. Manning doing clinicals on Saturday. Ms. Reese teaches clinicals on Friday. There would be day and evening students for the first year cohort, with 10 students each. Ms. Thomas reported 10 students have been held back waiting for the Board to let them begin (they were to start in August). Committee members express increased concern because of the lack of faculty and it does not appear contracts have been signed.

Ms. Forster-Burke indicated the Committee has not had time to review the documentation presented and will need time to review the material before a decision can be made. An Education Committee meeting will be held the first part of October to review and discuss

the information. The Total Board will be asked to empower the Education Committee with authority to make a decision recommendation directly to the Division. The next Education Committee meeting will be scheduled for October 3, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

October 26, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee, Board of Nursing

October 26, 2007
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing